

**State of Wisconsin  
Higher Educational Aids Board**

**Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2016**

**Board Members Present:** Steve Midthun, Nathaniel Helm-Quest via phone, Stephen Willett, Margaret Farrow, Jennifer Kammerud via phone, Jacob Lubenow, Darcy Paulson, Kathleen Sahlhoff via phone, and Benjamin Zellmer via phone.

**HEAB Staff Present:** John Reinemann, Sherrie Nelson, Cindy Cooley, Peter Zammuto, and Deanna Schulz

**Others Present:** Rolf Wegenke, WAICU; Rebecca Larson, WAICU; Bob Jokish, UW System Administration; Nicole Fish; COMN; Stephanie Mealy, Marquette University; Mary Czech-Mrochinski, Marquette University; Tim Jacobson, Waukesha County Technical College; Drew Anderson, Hope Lab; and Karen Showers, WTCS

Chair Steve Midthun called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Margaret Farrow to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2015 Board Meeting.

**BOARD REPORT #16-08 2016-17 Wisconsin Grant-PNP Program Formula**

Recommendation of Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) President Dr. Rolf Wegenke and concurred by Executive Secretary Reinemann:

Continue with the current maximum award of \$2900 and the current minimum award of \$1000.

Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Margaret Farrow, to accept the recommendation as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD REPORT #16-09 WISCONSIN GRANT (UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND TRIBAL) FORMULA DESCRIPTION**

HEAB administers three WG programs; Wisconsin Technical College System, Wisconsin Tribal Colleges, and University of Wisconsin System. The general structure for the WG formulas is outlined in the State Statutes. HEAB reviews and approves the formulas for the upcoming school year at its February meeting. There are three formula components:

**(Student Budget-Expected Family Contribution) x Student Award Percentage=Award**

**BOARD REPORT #16-10 2016-17 WISCONSIN GRANT-TRIBAL Program Formula**

Recommendation of Dr. Verna Fowler and concurred by Executive Secretary Reinemann:

(\$6,560-EFC) x 27.44%=Award with a maximum award of \$1,800 and a minimum award of \$250. This reflects no change from the current year's formula.

Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Margaret Farrow, to accept the recommendation as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD REPORT #16-11 2016-17 WISCONSIN GRANT-UWS Program Formula**

Recommendation of the University of Wisconsin System President Ray Cross and concurred by Executive Secretary Reinemann:

(\$5960-EFC) X 40%=Award, with a maximum award of \$2,384 and a minimum award of \$584. This new formula includes changes in the maximum and minimum awards along with the percentage factor.

Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Margaret Farrow, to accept the recommendation as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD REPORT #16-12 2016-17 WISCONSIN GRANT-WTCS Program Formula**

Recommendation of the Wisconsin Technical College System President Morna Foy and concurred by Executive Secretary Reinemann:

(\$9,270-EFC) X 11.70%=Award, with a maximum award of \$1,084 and a minimum award of \$500. This reflects no change from the current year's formula.

Moved by Stephen Willett, seconded by Margaret Farrow, to accept the recommendation as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD REPORT #16-13 Status of 2015-16 Applicants and Programs**

The number of applicants (first-time FAFSA filers who listed Wisconsin as their state of legal residence) for 2015-16 through February 16, 2016 is 298,876. Last year at this time there were 322,500 applicants.

In 2015-16, WG - UW has committed 129.15% (\$75,354,656) of its appropriation with 38,169 calculated awards. This is 3,410 less calculated awards and 11.74% less committed than at this time last year. WG - WTC committed 180.51% (\$33,932,417) of its appropriation with 34,065 calculated awards. This is 1,490 more awards and 3.42% more committed than at this time last year. WG - PNP has committed 163.15 % (\$43,838,874) of its appropriation with 15,504 awards. This is 127 more awards and 2.05% more committed than at this time last year. WG-Tribal has committed 193% (\$875,190) of its appropriation with 525 awards. This is 28 more awards and 17.4% more committed than at this time last year.

**BOARD REPORT #16-14 Wisconsin State Student Financial Aid Data for 2014-15**

Each year HEAB goes out to the aid community with a survey to collect information about need based and non-need based student financial aid for Wisconsin resident undergraduates. The colleges and universities within the four different Wisconsin Higher Education Sectors provided the majority of the information reflected in this report. The four sectors of colleges and universities include the Independent Colleges and Universities, the Tribal Colleges, the University of Wisconsin System, and the Wisconsin Technical College System. The majority of the cost of education is met by assistance that is based on financial need. The majority of need based and non-need based assistance combined is funded by federal loan assistance.

Moved by Margaret Farrow, seconded by Stephen Willett, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and Chair Steve Midthun adjourned the meeting at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted by Stephen Willett, Secretary